

REMARKS

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action mailed July 14, 2006. Claims 1, 14, 17, 22, 25, 29, 31, 40, 41, 47, 53, 56, 66, 74, and 80 have been amended. Claims 10, 73, 79, and 85 have been cancelled. New claims 86-89 have been added. Therefore, claims 1-9, 11-22, 24-44, 46-53, 55-72, 74-78, and 80-89 are pending in this case. Reconsideration of the present case is earnestly requested in light of the following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the instant Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 61-65 are allowable as written. Additionally, the Examiner indicated that claims 10, 17, 18, 25, 56, 73, and 79 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 10, independent claim 14 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 10, independent claim 29 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 10, independent claim 40 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 10, independent claim 47 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 10, independent claim 66 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 73, independent claim 74 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 79, and independent claim 80 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 79.

Additionally, new claim 86 is an independent claim including the allowable subject matter of claim 17; new claim 87 is an independent claim including the allowable subject matter of claim 18; new claim 88 is an independent claim including the allowable subject matter of claim 25; and new claim 89 is an independent claim including the allowable subject matter of claim 56. Thus, Applicant submits that the current claims are allowable as written.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits the application is now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel PC Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5707-06000/JCH.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

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Respectfully submitted,



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